

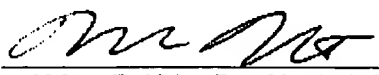
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the Commissioner reconsider the rejections made in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 6-13 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,503,174 to Mantooth ("Mantooth") under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and claims 2-5 as obvious over Mantooth alone under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Examiner has disregarded Applicant's Rule 131 declaration because the Examiner concludes that, because Mantooth was submitted by Applicant in an